

Final Minutes of the
San Joaquin River Management Program
Action Team Meeting
July 26, 2000

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Modesto, California

Introductions and Approval of Minutes

The San Joaquin River Management Program Action Team met in the office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Modesto, California. Paula Landis opened her first meeting as Action Team Chair by asking for comments on the Draft Minutes of the May 18, 2000 meeting. No corrections were given and the group was reminded that any corrections should be emailed to Kevin Faulkenberry.

Watershed Workshop

Faulkenberry updated the group on the activities of the subcommittee planning "Working at a Watershed Level". Currently, the focus is on obtaining commitments from potential speakers, funding and identifying sponsors. The majority of the speakers have been contacted. Contracts with the University for the event total \$35,000 (\$15,000 DWR and \$20,000 SJRRHRP). Including tuition, the course fund raising is about \$20,000 short of meeting estimated costs. A CALFED grant proposal was submitted for the shortfall and an answer is expected sometime in October of 2000. The group is still looking for a sponsor for the Tuesday night dinner. Postcards announcing the course will be mailed out. Faulkenberry also reminded everyone that there is an opportunity to display a poster presentation during the week. The website for the project is: <http://wwwdpla.water.ca.gov/sjd/sjrmp/workshop/index.html>

Salinity and Boron in the Lower San Joaquin River

Mike McElhiney updated the group on current activities centered around TMDLS for salinity and boron in the lower San Joaquin River. The first workshop described TMDL's and potential implementation actions. The second workshop covered related State and federal programs and the third will cover any written comments, concurrent Regional Board water quality topics for the San Joaquin basin, and the Grassland Bypass Project. The third workshop is scheduled to be held August 16, 2000 at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center in Modesto. McElhiney encouraged the group to look closely at the document and submit comments to the Board.

Mission/Goal Statement

Landis reviewed the current activities of the committee guiding development of SJRMP's mission/goal statement. The group plans to lay the groundwork for a workshop to be held sometime around the end of August. She also encouraged interested members to attend the planning meetings.

Real Time Update

Ernie Taylor gave an update on the activities of the Water Quality subcommittee and Real –Time. Taylor replaced Earle Cummings as the chair of the subcommittee. Currently there are 23 stations in the Real-Time network with new stations at Mud and Salt Slough being added soon. Taylor explained that the capabilities of the stations was being expanded by adding EC to the San Joaquin and Merced Rivers at Stevenson and the Merced River at Cressey. A workshop is planned for September to show users how to operate and utilize the information given by the model.

Comprehensive Study

Cummings gave an update on some of the activities of the Comprehensive Study. He passed out a copy of a report that details Early Implementation Projects, and the process used to select them. To be considered for early implementation, projects must: (1) provide significant flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration benefits, while not precluding other options; (2) have broad consensus; and (3) have sponsors willing and able to cost-share. The remaining projects are then ranked on the following criteria:

- Completeness
- Effectiveness – both logical and regional
- Efficiency
- Implementability
- Acceptability

Next Action Team Meeting: September 20, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

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